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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

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Amendment of Class C Airspace; Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY, Class C airspace by removing a cutout from the surface area that was incorporated to accommodate operations at an airport that has permanently closed.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, November 10, 2016. The Director of the FEDERAL REGISTER approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at <http://www.faa.gov/airtraffic/publications/>. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC, 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.9Z at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it updates the description of the Class C airspace area at Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY.

History

On March 28, 2016, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice proposing to remove a cutout from the description of the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY, Class C surface area (81 FR 17113), FR Doc. 2016-06833. Interested parties were invited to

participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015. FAA Order 7400.9Z is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this final rule. FAA Order 7400.9Z lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 modifies the Syracuse Hancock International Airport Class C airspace area by removing a cutout from the Class C surface area. The cutout excluded the airspace within a 0.75-nautical mile radius of the former Michael Field/Onondaga Flight School Airport. The sole purpose of the exclusion was to allow aircraft to operate freely to and from the airport without the need to contact air traffic control. Since the former airport is now permanently closed, the purpose for the exclusion no longer exists; therefore, the FAA is removing the words "... excluding that airspace within a 0.75-mile radius of Michael Field/Onondaga Flight School Airport...;" as well as the words "Michael Field/Onondaga Flight School Airport, NY (lat. 43°10'45"N., long. 76°07'29"W.)," from the Class C airspace description.

Class C airspace designations are published in paragraph 4000 of FAA Order 7400.9Z dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class C airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore, (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, and its agency implementing regulations in FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" regarding categorical exclusions for procedural actions at paragraph 5-6.5a which categorically excludes from full environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points. Since this action does not change the boundaries, altitudes, or operating requirements of the Class C airspace area, and only amends the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY, Class C airspace by removing a cutout from the Class C surface area that had been incorporated to accommodate operations at the former Michael Field/Onondaga Flight School Airport which is now permanently closed, this airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAAO 1050.1F,

paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, this action has been reviewed for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis, and it is determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, effective September 15, 2015, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 4000. Class C Airspace

AEA NY C Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY

Syracuse Hancock International Airport, NY

(lat. 43°06'40"N., long. 76°06'23"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of the Syracuse Hancock International Airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,600 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of the Syracuse Hancock International Airport from the 248° bearing from the airport clockwise to the 118° bearing from the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 2,700 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius from the 118° bearing from the airport clockwise to the 188° bearing from the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 2,300 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of the airport from the 188° bearing from the airport clockwise to the 248° bearing from the airport.

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